

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, March 17, 2015, 6:00 p.m, Old Schoolhouse Common

Present: Selectboard members John Warshow, Chris Martin, and Andy Perchlik; Town Clerk Bobbi Brimblecombe; Lincoln Earle-Centers (Recreation Committee); Jenny Warshow (Stranahan Stewardship Committee); Visitors Tovar and Catherine Cerulli, and Greg Western (Cross Vermont Trail)

At 6:00 p.m. the meeting was called to order by Chair Andy Perchlik

Old Schoolhouse Common: Lincoln Earle-Centers addressed the Selectboard about three building issues.

1. The gym is being used more often, and the noise is disturbing the tenant whose space shares a wall, especially when a ball hits the wall. Lincoln is proposing hanging a net at that end of the gym to keep balls from hitting it.

Chris suggested that insulation could also be added to the wall to dampen noise.

2. There are a few missing tiles on the floor, that are a tripping hazard. He isn't asking for an entire new floor, just a few tiles to patch the holes.
3. The balls sometimes hit the lights, and some of the casings are broken. He would like to have the broken lights replaced, and have cages installed around them.

In the longer term, he would like to see a water fountain in the building.

The Board approved the net and the tiles, to be paid out of the Old Schoolhouse budget. They will talk to Rich Phillips about the lights. The Board will consider a water fountain when they prepare the budget for next year.

Recreation Committee: Lincoln asked if the revenue from the fitness classes and future programs could go into the Recreation Fund, less the expenses. The Board approved.

Stranahan Town Forest: Jenny presented the Board with copies of the survey. She invited the Selectboard to come to the next Stranahan committee meeting to hear a presentation from a group wanting to put in a bike trail.

Town Sand Pit: Tovar and Catherine Cerulli addressed the Board to express their concerns about the access to the sand pit that has been created as a result of the recent logging project. Boulders and the tree line have been removed. The boulders had been put there to prevent vehicles from accessing the sand pit. The Cerullis support the use of the trail for snowmobiles, hikers, horses, etc. but do not want to see motorized vehicles using the sand pit in the summer.

Greg Western from the Cross Vermont Trail organization (CVT) stated that he is working with the Silversteins about using their property as part of the CVT. They would work with the Town to help control access by summertime motorized vehicles. The Board asked him to come back with a proposal, once the agreement has been finalized with the Silversteins and the Cerullis.

The Board asked Bobbi to call the forester to see what plans they have to return the site to what it used to be.

Logging Bid, Stranahan Town Forest: No action

Walden Bridge Replacement: The State is going to replace a bridge on Route 15. They are going to detour traffic onto Route 215, but most locals will use a dirt road in Cabot. There will be little increase in traffic on the Cabot Road in Marshfield. The State will assist if there are traffic issues, and fix or pay for any damage to the road. There is a public hearing in Cabot on April 6th.

Cabot Truck: The Town has borrowed Cabot's spare truck in the past. Bobbi confirmed with our insurance company that this is OK under the Town's insurance.

Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District (NEKWMD): The Town received a draft of a proposed ordinance, for the Town's review.

Park & Ride Grant: The Board signed an extension of the grant. The funds will be used to install the bus shelter that is being provided by Green Mountain Transit.

Dog Complaint: The Board received a complaint from Bob Popp regarding a vicious dog on Holt Road. The Board asked Bobbi to try to get a phone number for the owner. One of the Board members will call.

Vacation Request: The Board did not grant a request to buy back vacation time. Andy recommended a cap on the amount of vacation time a town employee could accrue.

Selectboard Rules of Procedure: No action

Expenses, Permits & Payroll: Selectboard members read and signed reports for General Expenses and Payroll. They approved the minutes of the March 3rd and 6th meetings, and a liquor license for the Marshfield Village Store.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bobbi Brimblecombe, Town Clerk

The foregoing is a true copy of the Minutes of the March 17, 2015 Selectboard Meeting.
A True Record. Attest, _____, Town Clerk
